

February 1, 2023

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **TEMPORARY STAFF ATTORNEY MENTAL HEALTH LAW PROJECT**

Mobilization for Justice (formerly MFY Legal Services), a non-profit legal services organization that provides a wide range of free civil legal services to low-income New Yorkers, is seeking a temporary staff attorney to join its Mental Health Law Project for six months. The Mental Health Law Project assists people with mental health disabilities living in the community by providing advice, counsel and representation on housing, public benefits, disability rights, consumer, and other matters. The temporary staff attorney will focus on providing advice, advocacy, and representation for people with mental health disabilities who are having housing-related problems.

MFJ's mission is to achieve justice for all. MFJ prioritizes the needs of people who are low-income, disenfranchised, or have disabilities as they struggle to overcome the effects of social injustice and systemic racism. We provide the highest-quality free, direct civil legal assistance, conduct community education and build partnerships, engage in policy advocacy, and bring impact litigation. We assist more than 14,000 New Yorkers each year, benefitting over 24,000. MFJ has a staff of more than 165 attorneys, paralegals, social workers, and support staff. It is a diverse, unionized, and collegial workplace where staff share the organization's mission to achieve social justice.

#### **Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

- Conducting client intakes in person and on the telephone.
- Providing advice, advocacy, and representation for people with mental health disabilities who are having housing-related problems.
- Conducting community outreach, trainings, and education.
- Inputting and maintaining records in our case management system.
- Notarizing your clients' court or other documents as necessary.

#### **Requirements:**

1. J.D. and admission to the New York State Bar.
2. Demonstrated interest in working with people who have mental health disabilities.
3. Excellent research and writing skills.

#### **Preferred:**

1. Experience representing people in New York City housing court.
2. Fluency in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Russian, Haitian Creole, French, Bangla, Korean, Arabic, or Urdu.

**Salary** is pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement with excellent fringe benefits. The salary range for this position is \$73,742.62 to \$128,365.06.

Applicants should email a cover letter, resume and writing sample to [recruitment@mfjlegal.org](mailto:recruitment@mfjlegal.org) with “**Mental Health Law Project Temporary Attorney 2023**” in the subject line. We encourage all applicants to include in their cover letter a statement about how their background or experience might contribute to the diversity and perspective of our office. Please indicate where you saw this ad. Applications must be received by February 26, 2023. Early applications encouraged. No telephone calls please.

In compliance with New York City’s directives, MFJ requires all employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Accordingly, successful candidates must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and submit proof of vaccination prior to commencement of employment at MFJ.

For further information about MFJ, please go to [www.mobilizationforjustice.org](http://www.mobilizationforjustice.org).

**MFJ IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.** All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, sex, gender, age, religion, national origin, citizen status, marital status, physical or mental disability, military or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by law. BIPOC, women, people with disabilities, and LBGTQIA+ candidates are encouraged to apply.